IN THE CLAIMS:

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What is claimed is:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An internal combustion engine exhaust component comprising:

_____a shell having an outer surface and an inner ~~surfaces~~surface and defining a chamber, wherein the inner surface of the shell ~~having~~has a first part susceptible to exhaust condensate contact and a second part not susceptible to the exhaust condensate contact~~,~~; and

_____a lining ~~being~~ applied over only the first part ~~only so as~~of the inner surface of the shell to protect the first part from the exhaust condensate contact.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 1~~, in which~~ wherein the lining covers approximately one-third to one-half of ~~the~~a surface area of the inner ~~wall~~surface of the ~~outer~~ shell.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An internal combustion engine exhaust component comprising:

_____a shell having an outer surface and an inner ~~surfaces~~surface and defining a chamber; and

_____a lining applied over approximately one-third to one-half of ~~the~~a surface area of the inner surface of the shell.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~An~~The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 1~~, 2 or 3 in which~~ wherein the lining is applied to the first part of the inner ~~wall~~surface of the ~~outer~~ shell by spot welding.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of making an internal combustion engine exhaust component comprising the steps of:

providing a shell having an outer surface and an inner ~~surfaces~~surface and defining a chamber~~,~~;

determining ~~the parts~~a part of the inner surface of the shell which will be contacted by condensates when in operation; and

applying a lining to ~~those parts~~the part of the inner surface of the shell which will be contacted by the condensates.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The method ~~of making an internal combustion engine exhaust component~~ according to claim 5 ~~comprising the step~~including the steps of providing ~~the shell as~~ a substantially flat sheet of material, applying the lining to the ~~shell~~substantially flat sheet of material and then forming the ~~shell~~substantially flat sheet of material into ~~the~~a shape of the ~~exhaust component~~shell.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~A~~The method ~~of making an internal combustion engine exhaust component~~ according to claim 5 ~~or 6, in which~~wherein step of applying the lining ~~is applied by~~includes spot welding ~~the lining to the shell~~.

8. (NEW) The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 1 wherein the shell has a shell thickness and the lining has a lining thickness, and the shell thickness is thicker than the lining thickness.

9. (NEW) The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 3 wherein the shell has a shell thickness and the lining has a lining thickness, and the shell thickness is thicker than the lining thickness.

10. (NEW) The internal combustion engine exhaust component according to claim 3 wherein the lining is applied to the inner surface of the shell by spot welding.

11. (NEW) The method according to claim 5 including the step of forming the shell to have a shell thickness that is thicker than a lining thickness of the lining.